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The Honorable Fred Vinson
 Chairman
 Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
 Congress of the United States
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 1951 in which you request a report on Soviet capabilities to counter the delivery of U. S. atomic weapons. An estimate of this scope will require the participation of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group of the Department of Defense, which I have requested. This Agency is willing to undertake the responsibility of preparation and of bringing the estimate into the current schedule of intelligence production. This will take some time as a detailed study will be necessary, but I believe we can have a satisfactory estimate ready for you by April 1.

Your letter also requests information as to the background of the confidential report which was recently delivered to you. Since this information is of a very sensitive nature, I have asked Mr. Walter Pforzheimer to discuss with you informally the best means by which it can be transmitted to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Ours truly,

S. TRAVERS

Walter B. Smith
 Director

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